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Soy-Based Biodiesel Kicks Off Cleaner Boating Season on East Coast

ST. LOUIS (May 9, 2005) – More boaters on the East Coast now have the opportunity to fill their diesel tanks with cleaner burning fuel, and at a more competitive price. Thanks in part to efforts by the soybean checkoff and Delaware Soybean Board, the Indian River Marina in Delaware Seashore State Park is the first marina in the mid-Atlantic region to offer soy biodiesel to government and commercial marine fleets, as well as to private boat owners.

United Soybean Board Treasurer Eric Niemann (nee-man), a Kansas soybean producer, says soy biodiesel is a smart choice for marine users of all kinds.

["Biodiesel is made from soybean oil. It can be blended with petroleum diesel at any level or used in its pure form, and it works in any diesel engine with few or no modifications."](#) (:11) (🔊)

The availability of soy biodiesel at the marina is made possible partly through the soybean checkoff's Biobased Products Initiative, which Niemann says promotes the environmental and economic advantages of using soy-based products, such as biodiesel.

["Soy biodiesel burns cleaner than diesel fuel so the smell and the soot are reduced and the clean up and boat maintenance are made much easier. So, we see this as a real benefit to boaters. It reduces our dependence on foreign oil. It's a home-grown, renewable product that really benefits not only the U.S. soybean producer, but also the consumer here in America."](#) (:25) (🔊)

According to Niemann, marina officials are coordinating with the Delaware Soybean Board to offer and promote the use of other soy-based products at the ship's store on the marina, including stainless steel cleaner, penetrant lube, hand cleaner, adhesive removers and degreasers.

["The soybean checkoff research has developed other soy-based products that are available to boaters. They're beneficial to the marine environment because they improve water quality, they reduce pollution, maintain healthy ecosystems, and really preserve the scenic beauty of waterways like Delaware's."](#) (:18) (🔊)

Niemann encourages boaters in Delaware to ask for biodiesel when they fill up at their marinas, and adds that soybean farmers hope to increase the availability of soy biodiesel at marinas serving other scenic waterways around the country.

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